

**REMARKS**

As an initial matter, the December 13, 2005 Notice of Allowance is acknowledged and appreciated.

The applicant became aware of the patent noted in the Information Disclosure Statement accompanying this paper and, to facilitate the Examiner's consideration of the patent, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R § 1.114 also accompanies this paper.

Claims 18-20 have been added, without adding new matter.

No additional claim fees are generated by this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with this paper to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

The application remains in condition for allowance, and consideration and formal allowance are requested. However, if any matters remain or arise that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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